

Special Education Advisory Committee

December 4, 2019, LCPS Administration Building



Business Meeting:

One Public Comment: Ian Serotkin, School Board Member Elect. Appreciated Support from special needs community. Will take office in January during budget cycle; he has reviewed the 2018-2019 Annual SEAC report and asks community feedback to help new board members turn broad goals into specifics.

Sharon Tropf, SEAC Chair Report:

- Presented 2018-2019 SEAC Annual Report to the School Board on December 3
- Working with Dr. Nelson to update the SEAC website, obtaining a SEAC Banner and a streamlined sign-in process for meetings.
- State SEAC Meeting, December 5, 2019
- Subcommittee Formation – will be working with Department of Pupil Services on identified action items from the Annual Report, as well as continuing work to identify new unmet needs.
- **Restraint and Seclusion Data:** Updated information on the seclusion of students age 9 and under was provided to by Dr. Asia Jones. Of the 24 documented incidences of students being placed in seclusion, 17 of the 24 students were age 9 and under. There is much work to be done in this area.
- Meetings are now Live Streamed – Information to watch previous or current meetings can be found at <https://www.lcps.org/Page/140009>

Membership Report:

- Membership is currently at 15 members, plus one application submitted to the LCPS School Board. We still need over half PTA PTO SEAC representative volunteers

Communications Report:

- Keep In Touch:
 - Facebook: loudounseac
 - Twitter: @loudounseac
 - Wiki (for files): loudounseac.miraheze.org

Planning Report:

- December Executive Board Meeting will be on December 16 at 6 p.m. at the Greenway Panera in Ashburn
- **January Business meeting is January 8** at 6 pm, Presentation by Dr. Kelly Henderson, Trauma Informed Classrooms at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. link to flyer <https://www.lcps.org/Page/225811>

MSAAC Report: Katrece Nolan, Chair. Recap of LCPS 2013 Discipline Taskforce and current status of LCPS on discipline disparity implication of minority and special needs students. 39 recommendations were suggested. #5 suggestion

was not adopted which was an implementation committee to keep track and status updates. Referral rates of discipline increased. March is the next MSAAC & SEAC joint meeting. PBIS for tier 1, 2, & 3 needs to address through an equity lens. December 1st was the first MOU working session with key stakeholders to include SEAC, MSAAC, and Loudoun's Sheriff's office.

SEAC Equity Representative Report: Dr. Amy Elledge reports that Equity committee started in April is facilitated by a third party called the Equity Collaborative. Actions that have been reviewed:

- Unconscious Bias,
- Equity Report & results for Equality Assessment,
- Drafted resolution on equity that was passed by school board,
- Reviewed discipline policies and collaborated with Human Resources Talent Development (HRTD).

Agenda for December 5th meeting is Common Language.

Parent Resource Services Report:

- Subscribe to their Newsletter on their webpage – Keep in Touch
<https://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices>
- Upcoming Series:
 - Using a Multi-Tiered System of Support to Support the Needs of All Learners 12/11/2019
 - Kindergarten Connection 12/12/2019
 - Middle School Connection 12/19/2019
- Mental Health Series:
 - Mental Health and Wellness Conference, 1/11/2020
 - Managing Bumps in the Road: Building Resilient Relationships with Your Teen, 1/22/2020

Chris Croll, School Board Liaison

- The SB has adopted the following policies: Bullying Prevention and Education Policy 8250, Non-School Employment Policy 7250, Field Trips Policy 5070, Equal Opportunity Employment Policy 7012, Environments Free from Harassment, Discrimination and Abuse Policy 7014, Appeals and Hearings Policy 8230, Weapons Policy 8235, Tuition Fees Policy 4010, Building Design Policies – 6410 and 6430, Adult Education Policy 5150, Textbook Adoption Policy 5130
- The following policies are in process of review & vote: 2 Policies relating to student illnesses; Policies 8415 and 8425, Disposal of Surplus Property Policy 6430, Crisis Communications Policy
- The Communications & Outreach Committee is working on a Crisis Communications policy that we hope to get adopted by the School Board before the end of the year. A draft will be posted at the end of this

week. The December meeting is on December 9th at 5:30pm.

- Curriculum & Instruction Committee met to discuss a framework for Policy 5045 (formerly 5-7) which is the policy under which the Diversity Collection Classroom Libraries were purchased. This committee's work is done for the year.
- School Business Partnership Executive Council - 325 students participated in Job for a Day in jobs spanning 16 industries inside more than 50 businesses. The Council is hard at work recruiting businesses for the Career & Apprenticeship Fair scheduled for April 1, 2020 for students in grades 8-12. **The December meeting is on December 19th at 8:00am.**
- Gifted Education Advisory Committee met for an overview of the EDGE Program.

Dr. Nelson & Dr. Asia Jones, Pupil Services and the Office of Special Education

- Acknowledged the concerns the SEAC Chair had reported to the school and acknowledge that much work is to be done.
- Commented about percentage of parents that are pleased with LCPS on communication and other areas.
- Is pleased with SEAC's feedback on Social Emotional learning recommendations that were implemented
- Acknowledged the many concerns of the Equity committee on Discipline Disproportionality
- December 2-6 is Inclusive Schools week; a PowerPoint was shared to show activities across LCPS schools. LCPS' theme of "Highlight Inclusion" in our schools was showcased. <https://www.lcps.org/Page/225747>

SEAC Business

- Policy Subcommittee presented a review of Draft Policy 5330 Student Eligibility and Placement
- Recommendations were presented and reviewed and discussed with SEAC membership
- SEAC membership voted on recommendations; all recommendations passed unanimously

SEAC December 4 Business Meeting and Presentation by Dr. Jonathan Dalton, Mental Health, Bullying and School Refusal – Live Stream Recording <https://vimeo.com/377568433>

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